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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued) (A/C.2/48/L.17)

Draft resolution on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan (A/C.2/48/L.17)

1. Mr. RYSINSKI (Poland), Vice-Chairman, said that no consensus had emerged from the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17. It had, however, proved possible to introduce various amendments. In the first line of the final preambular paragraph the words "in particular" should be inserted before the words "the signing". At the end of paragraph 2, the word "peace" should be replaced by the words "economic and social development". Paragraph 4 should be deleted and existing paragraph 5 renumbered as new paragraph 4. In that paragraph the final words "being without legal validity" should be replaced by "illegal". Existing paragraph 6 should be renumbered as new paragraph 5.

2. Mr. RAMOUL (Algeria) said that Cuba and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

3. Mr. SEBINA (Botswana), speaking in explanation of vote before the vote, said that his country was opposed to the continued occupation of Palestinian and other territories by Israel. It was cause for concern for Botswana that draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17 failed to reflect the agreement concluded between the PLO and Israel on 13 September 1993. His Government held the view that all the intentions indicated in the agreement must be encouraged if a lasting solution was to be attained. Accordingly his delegation would abstain.

4. Mr. ELIASHIV (Israel), speaking in explanation of vote before the vote, said that the Declaration of Principles signed on 13 September 1993 by Israel and the PLO stipulated that the question of the settlements would be discussed in the framework of the negotiations on permanent status. The United Nations should support the Declaration. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17 ran counter to the modalities envisaged in the Declaration and prejudged the outcome of the negotiations. In fact the bilateral negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians and between Israel and Syria were the proper forums in which to resolve such issues. Accordingly his delegation would vote against the draft resolution.

5. A recorded vote was taken on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina

Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Belarus, Botswana, Croatia, Czech Republic, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nigeria, Peru, Russian Federation, Samoa, Togo, Uruguay.

6. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17, as orally amended, was adopted by 113 votes to 2, with 13 abstentions.

7. Mr. AL-HABIB (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that his delegation, while it had voted in favour of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17, had certain reservations regarding those parts of the resolution which could be interpreted as implying recognition of Israel.

8. Mr. KHANI (Syrian Arab Republic) said that the final preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17 was not compatible with the Declaration signed in September 1993 by Israel and the PLO, in view of which his delegation had reservations.

9. Mr. ELBATEL (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) said that his delegation's vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17 did not imply recognition of Israel or acceptance of certain elements of the text.

AGENDA ITEM 91: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued) (A/C.2/48/L.28/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on the renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

10. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), Vice-President, said that consensus had been achieved and, therefore, he requested that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

11. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.28/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

12. Mr. HIDAYAT (Indonesia) said that the adoption of the resolution represented a cornerstone of the renewal of the dialogue on international economic cooperation for development within the United Nations system, to be conducted on the basis of mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence, shared responsibility and partnership for sustainable development. But the value of that resolution would depend on the degree of commitment shown by the international community to promote that dialogue. Indonesia hoped that, with the adoption of the resolution, the international community would reinforce its efforts to finalize the agenda for development and return the issues of development and eradication of poverty to the top of the international agenda.

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/48/L.14/Rev.1, L.21, L.22, L.23, L.75, L.79 and L.81)

Draft resolution on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (A/C.2/48/L.14/Rev.1)

13. The CHAIRMAN put draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.14/Rev.1 before the Committee and recommended its adoption without a vote.

14. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.14/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (A/C.2/48/L.21)

15. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, said that the draft resolution had not received the support of all delegations and, therefore, should be put to the vote.

16. Mr. HORIN (Ukraine) said that currently, in an increasing number of cases, various types of economic measures were being used as a means of economic and political coercion, and not only against developing countries. They were frequently applied without the authorization of the relevant United Nations organs, and were incompatible with the principles of the Charter. Ukraine considered that such measures were characteristic of hegemony. Recent history contained many examples of what could happen if the international community did not take timely action to curb neoimperialist ambitions. The draft resolution

(Mr. Horin, Ukraine)

submitted by Colombia and China established a solid basis for the application of the general principle of the non-utilization of blackmail, blockades, embargoes and other similar sanctions. In reality, Ukraine suffered from measures of economic coercion which brought with them consequences that were no less painful for its economy than those imposed against developing countries. His delegation joined the sponsors of the draft resolution and would vote in favour of it.

17. A recorded vote was taken on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.21.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, Panama, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain.

18. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.21 was adopted by 85 votes to 33, with 14 abstentions.

19. Mr. COHEN (United States of America), speaking in explanation of vote, said that his delegation had voted against the draft resolution for a number of reasons. The draft did not reflect the enormous changes that had occurred in the world. On the contrary, it perpetuated old modes of thought. International law accorded each State the discretion to protect its essential security and other interests through the imposition of trade and other economic sanctions. Many States did so, including some which in the past had supported that resolution. It was time for the General Assembly to dispense with such

(Mr. Cohen, United States)

divisive, confrontational resolutions, which did not enhance the reputation or status of the United Nations. Rather, they ran counter to the spirit of cooperation and partnership that was emerging in international economic discussions.

Draft resolutions on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (A/C.2/48/L.22 and L.81)

20. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.81, which had been prepared on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.22. He recommended its adoption without a vote.

21. Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee), referring to the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.81, said that, if that text was adopted by the General Assembly, no additional resources would be required under section 25 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

22. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.81 was adopted without a vote.

23. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.22 was withdrawn.

Draft resolutions on assistance to land-locked States in Central Asia (A/C.2/48/L.23 and L.79)

24. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.79, which had been prepared on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.23. He recommended its adoption without a vote.

25. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.79 was adopted without a vote.

26. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.23 was withdrawn.

Draft decision on the Third United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (A/C.2/48/L.75)

27. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft decision A/C.2/48/L.75 and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

28. Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee) referring to the programme budget implications of draft decision A/C.2/48/L.75, said that its approval by the General Assembly would not entail any specific additional appropriation under section 25 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

29. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.75 was adopted without a vote.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE 1990s (continued) (A/C.2/48/L.8, L.20 and L.76)

Draft resolutions on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/C.2/48/L.8, L.76 and L.20)

30. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.2/48/L.20 on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.8.

31. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.76 prepared on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.8 and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

32. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.76 was adopted without a vote.

33. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.8 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

34. Mr. COHEN (United States of America) said that his delegation had joined the consensus on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.76 on the understanding that paragraph 20 which stressed "the importance of maintaining the institutional identity and visibility of the Division for the Least Developed Countries in the Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development" would not be interpreted in such a way as to limit the Conference's management flexibility and hamper its freedom to reallocate its resources in accordance with its new work priorities.

(e) ENVIRONMENT (continued) (A/C.2/48/L.49, L.58 and L.83)

Draft decision on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (A/C.2/48/L.49)

35. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft decision A/C.2/48/L.49 and recommended its adoption without a vote. He read out the following amendment to the text: the last part of paragraph (c) should read:

> "and requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its forty-ninth session and submit subsequently annual updates on further developments relevant to the implementation of resolution 46/215".

36. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.49 as orally amended was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolutions on the strengthening of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/C.2/48/L.58 and L.83)

37. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.83 prepared on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.58 and recommended its adoption without a vote. He read out the following amendments to the draft resolution: paragraph 6 should be replaced by the following:

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> "Urges Member States to make their contributions to the Environment Fund in accordance with resolution 17/32 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its seventeenth session;".

The word "fully" in line 4 of paragraph 5 should be deleted.

38. Mr. PORTOCARERO (Belgium), speaking on behalf of the European Union, and Mrs. TOMKINSON (Australia) said that the speaker had forgotten to mention the amendment to paragraph 9, where the word "forty-ninth" had been replaced by the word "fiftieth".

39. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.83 as orally revised and amended was adopted without a vote.

40. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.58 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

(h) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/48/L.16 and L.77)

Draft resolutions on science and technology for development (A/C.2/48/L.16 and L.77)

41. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.77 prepared on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.16 and recommended its adoption without a vote.

42. Mrs. YANG Yanyi (China) introduced the following amendments to the draft resolution: the words "in particular" in line 7 of preambular paragraph 2 should be replaced by the word "particularly"; in preambular paragraph 3, the words "the role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development" should be moved to the end of the paragraph and the words "in this respect" should be added at the end of the paragraph. Also, in the fourth and fifth lines of paragraph 5 of the English version, commas should be added after the words "meeting" and "resources", and a comma should be inserted after the word "financing" in the last line of paragraph 9.

43. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.77 as orally amended was adopted without a vote.

44. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.16 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

AGENDA ITEM 94: OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (continued)
(A/C.2/48/L.59)

Draft decision on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children (A/C.2/48/L.59)

45. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft decision A/C.2/48/L.59 prepared on the basis of informal consultations and recommended that it should be adopted.

46. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.59 was adopted without a vote.

47. Mr. PORTOCARERO (Belgium), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that the European Union had joined the consensus on the draft decision, although it had encountered some difficulties prior to its adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 98: INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION (continued)
(A/C.2/48/L.24 and A/C.2/48/L.62)

Draft resolution entitled "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction" (A/C.2/48/L.24)

48. The CHAIRMAN said that the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.24 could be found in document A/C.2/48/L.62.

49. Mr. RYSINSKI (Poland), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.24, prepared on the basis of informal consultations, recommended that the Committee should adopt it with the following changes: in the second preambular paragraph of the English version, the word "resolution" should be "resolutions"; the words "and capacity-building for disaster preparedness and mitigation at the national level" should be added at the end of the fifth preambular paragraph; in the ninth preambular paragraph, the word "inseparable" should be replaced by "close" and the word "understood" by "recognized"; in operative paragraph 5, the words "to bring closer together" should be changed to "to continue to bring closer together" and the words "promotional efforts in disaster mitigation" should be replaced by "promotional efforts in disaster preparedness and mitigation"; and in operative paragraph 8, the word "February" should be replaced by "March".

50. Mr. HORIE (Japan) said that Finland, Israel, Kazakhstan, Norway, Poland, the Russian Federation and the member States of the European Union had become sponsors of the draft resolution.

51. Mr. CALOVSKI (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) said that his delegation also wished to become a sponsor.

52. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.24, as orally revised, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 99: IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/48/L.38, A/C.2/48/L.47 and A/C.2/48/L.80)

Draft resolution entitled "United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change" (A/C.2/48/L.38)

53. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.38, which had been prepared on the basis of informal consultations, recommended that the Committee should adopt it with the following changes: In operative paragraph 1, the words "in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change" should be deleted, and at the end of that paragraph, the words "subject to the applicable provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change" should be added.

54. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.38, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft resolutions entitled "Strengthening international cooperation in the monitoring of global environmental problems" (A/C.2/48/L.47 and A/C.2/48/L.80)

55. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.80 and recommended it for adoption.

56. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.80 was adopted.

57. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.47 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

(b) GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (continued) (A/C.2/48/L.12 and A/C.2/48/L.78)

Draft resolutions entitled "Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (A/C.2/48/L.12 and A/C.2/48/L.78)

58. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), introducing draft resolutions A/C.2/48/L.12 and A/C.2/48/L.78, said that, on the basis of the consensus on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.12, agreement had been reached on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.78.

59. Mrs. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee), referring to the programme budget implications of draft resolutions A/C.2/48/L.78 and A/C.2/48/L.12 said that, if the draft resolutions were adopted by the General Assembly, no additional appropriation would be needed under section 25 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

60. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.78 was adopted.

61. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.12 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

(c) SUSTAINABLE USE AND CONSERVATION OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE HIGH SEAS: UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON STRADDLING FISH STOCKS AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS (continued) (A/C.2/48/L.44)

Draft resolution entitled "United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks" (A/C.2/48/L.44).

62. Mrs. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee), referring to the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.44, said that, if the draft resolution was adopted by the General Assembly, no additional appropriation would be needed under section 25 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

63. Mr. ARELLANO RESENDIZ (Mexico), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.44, which had been prepared on the basis of informal consultations, recommended that the Committee should adopt it with the following changes: the words "("the Conference")" should be added at the end of the first preambular paragraph; in operative paragraph 7, the words "under the item entitled 'Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development: Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks'" should be deleted; and an operative paragraph 8 should be added which would read: "8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session sub-item entitled 'Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks' under an agenda item entitled 'Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development'."

64. Replying to a question from Mr. HASSAN (Egypt) and Mr. BIAOU (Benin), he confirmed that the dates in operative paragraph 3 for the first of the two further sessions should be 14 to 31 March 1994.

65. The CHAIRMAN said that before the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.44, he wished to remind members of the Committee that questions relating to the management and conservation of living resources of the high seas and of areas under national jurisdiction would be taken up at the Conference on the basis of the biological integrity of those fish populations, and of the rights and obligations of States under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

66. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.44, as orally revised and amended, was adopted.

67. Mr. LEE (Republic of Korea) expressed his delegation's satisfaction with the text just adopted, particularly operative paragraph 8, and said that the spirit of mutual interest and cooperation that had prevailed at the Conference would benefit coastal States and States engaged in high seas fisheries.

The meeting rose at midnight.